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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

James A. Reagan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6, 19, 20 and 25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 7-18 and 21-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to the restriction election filed on 09 March 2005.
2. Claims 7-18 and 21-24 have been elected.
3. Claims 1-6, 19, 20, and 25 have been withdrawn.

Notice of Non-Compliant Response

4. 37 CFR 1.121 states that whenever there is any amendment to a claim, a claim listing of all claims ever presented in the case must be supplied in ascending numerical order. In addition, the claim listing must include:
 - The **claim number** of every claim ever presented in the application, whether entered or not;
 - A **status identifier**, in parentheses, following each claim number;
 - The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims); and
 - **Markings** to show the changes made only to the current amendment relative to immediate prior version.
5. The seven (7) permissible status identifiers are:
 1. **(Original)**: Claim filed with the original specification.
 - Not added by a preliminary amendment and
 - Not previously amended.
 2. **(Currently amended)**: Claim being amended and which is not withdrawn from the current amendment.

- Must include markings (strikethrough, double brackets, or underlining) to indicate changes.
3. **(Cancelled):** Claim cancelled or deleted in current amendment or previously cancelled/deleted.
- Do not present the text of a cancelled claim.
 - Consecutive cancelled claims may be grouped together (e.g. claims 1-5 (cancelled)).
4. **(Withdrawn):** Non-elected claim.
- The text of a withdrawn claim must be presented.
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7. **(Not entered):** Claim presented in a previously unentered amendment.
- Do not present the text of a not entered claim.
 - Consecutive not entered claims may be grouped together (e.g. claims 1-5 (not entered)).

In the present case, Applicant has elected claims 7-18 and 21-24 while withdrawing claims 1-6, 19, 20, and 25 from further consideration. Therefore, claims 1-6, 19, 20, and 25 should have the status identifier **(Withdrawn)**. Appropriate correction is requested. Applicant has one (1) month to comply.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to **James A. Reagan** whose telephone number is **571.272.6710**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at **571.272.6712**.

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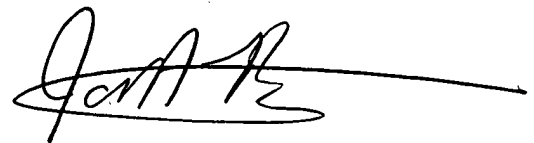
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